ALL ABOARD

With G. E. Mortimore

MACLEAN'S magazine recently suggested that Canada should throw away her guns and resign as a military nation.

We are too weak to fight, anyway. Why pretend? So the magazine argued in a challenging editorial.

The men who hatched the idea showed courage and imagination, both of which are uncommon qualities in world affairs.

But from this worm's-eye viewing post, I see one major fault in the plan: it's one-sided.

It places us in the position of the weakling who threatens to block the bully's attack by bleeding all over him.

No doubt Mexico could abolish her army, navy and air force—such as it is—tomorrow, and all of us would applaud politely, but we wouldn't attach much value to the gesture. Mexico is at the fringe of a possible war. Canada is in the middle.

Between Two Giants

We are in a sensitive frontier zone between two military giants. If we leave the outpost unmanned, one or other of them will be eager to garrison it for us.

Personally, I don't like the idea of Uncle Sam as an overlord much more than I like the idea of Ivan taking control. Uncle is breathing too heavily down our necks as it is, without inviting him to handle our defence.

Why not carry the Maclean idea further, and urge that Canada, Alaska and an equal area of Siberia all be cleared of armaments? That would give the plan three legs to stand on, instead of just one.

Some kind of Arctic neutral zone has already been suggested, and niggled away in futile negotiations between the great powers.

Canada might gain prestige and goodwill by putting forward a scheme for a larger neutral zone in which the whole territory of this nation and a vast tract of Russian territory across Bering Strait would be cleared of major arms.

An Independent Voice

In pressing such a bold plan, against the opposition that would certainly arise in the United States, Canada might help dispel the idea that she was an American satellite.

Canada could therefore address Russia with some chande of being heeded as an independent voice.

The disarmament would not be complete. Canada would very likely expect to keep light naval forces, radar warning posts and infantry with small arms.

The whole neutral zone—in Russia, Alaska and Canada—would be subject to the strictest inspection by United Nations observers. The Russians have been remarkably stubborn about inspection in the past. But if Canada could prove her independence, and put forward such a plan, the Russians might relent.

The plan may be impractical. But I would like to hear the reasons why it wouldn't work. Merely by advancing such a plan, Canada might add to its own stature and ease the hatred between the giants who cast such a black shadow on this land.

Chicks Find Egg Built for Two

A couple of day-old chicks seem comfortable enough nestling inside this modernistic home for two, a large, chocolate Easter egg.

His 'Free' Home Still Cost $5,000

Winner of the model home at last year's Jaycee fair had a few words of advice and warning yesterday for this year's winner—wherever you are.

"We won a house and furnishings worth $20,000," said A. H. Laing, 45, of 2865 Admirals, "but it cost us more than $5,000 before we were settled."

Again this year, the Jaycees will raffle a similar house—where is, as is. The winner pays for the moving and of course he has to have a lot and a foundation.

"It's a wonderful house," he said, "and we were certainly lucky to win it. However, the foundation cost us more than $3,000, the moving job $900 and the lot $1,500."

Although Mr. Laing says it "would be much nicer if there was a lot along with the house," it could still lead to problems.

"Maybe the winners would not want to live in the neighborhood where the lot was," he said.

The only really bad feature about the whole deal, said Mr. Laing, were the people with lots to sell who phoned him day and night after he won the house.

"This year's winner will get every Tom, Dick and Harry calling him to try to sell him lots."

Mr. Laing, who lives in the model, three-bedroom home with his wife and two children, is a carpenter-foreman with Parfitt Construction Co.

'Empty Tomb' Real Message

Reverend Alex Calder, pastor of Oak Bay United Church, said Thursday the true message of Easter was told by "an empty tomb."

Speaking to his fellow Oak Bay Kiwanians, Rev. Calder said that the empty tomb proved to the disciples that Christ had arisen from the dead. This and their consequent meetings with Him gave them added incentive to preach His gospel to a hostile Roman world.

This "new start" is the Easter Message he said.

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Weirdest Theft Of Week

A frustrated golfer may have exacted his revenge against the tricky greens of Uplands Golf Club, Thursday.

Flags and their seven-foot poles were removed from five greens Thursday night, along with six towels from the ball-cleaning stands at each tee. City police call it the "weirdest theft of the week."

"We've had them taken before, but not on such a scale," one club official commented.

Fiery Death Follows Cry for Help

'God, It Was Terrible'

REVELSTOKE, B.C. (CP)—Constable Don Weisgerber of the RCMP was one of the first men to view the results of a crushing mountain earthslide that took four lives here Friday.

"God, it was terrible," he said. "I was talking to her, but the flames got her two minutes later."

Mrs. Herman Schuetze and her infant son Eric, 10 months, and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Pletsch died when part of Mt. Revelstoke slid over the Pletsch home which later burned.

In Victoria, Norman Pletsch, 3126 Somerset, a son of Mr. Pletsch, said last night he will leave for Revelstoke tomorrow night. His brother, Earl Pletsch of Vancouver, is already on the scene.

Mrs. Fred Westlake of Port Coquitlam, a step-sister of the two men, will leave for Revelstoke today.

"I was talking through the rubble to the older woman, Mrs. Pletsch," said the constable. "I shouted to ask her if she was all right.

"She said, 'Yes, get me out of here. Please get me out.' She sounded as if she was in a lot of agony. But we couldn't get her out. The flames got her and she died two minutes later."

Constable Weisgerber said it was hard to tell what room of the house the victims were in.

"Everything was one big mess inside there. We got the bodies out, but it was terrible. The baby was still in his mother's arms."

Mrs. Scheutze and her son had been moved into the Pletsch home because of fear that a slide would hit their own home.

The slide is believed to have started because of heavy rain.

Protest Plods On

BURNHAM, England (AP)—A procession of anti-nuclear campaigners plodded on toward London Saturday, but long hours of marching had thinned the ranks to about half of Friday's 4,400.

The 50-mile protest hike was organized by a group known as the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. It is due to wind up with a big rally in London tomorrow.

Pope's Peace Hope Beamed to World

VATICAN CITY (UPI) — Pope John XXIII prayed for a "lasting rule" of peace among all nations yesterday in the first Easter message of his reign.

Broadcasting to the world over the Vatican radio facilities from the studio adjoining his bedroom in the Vatican palace, the pontiff prayed for the heads of state and for those still suffering from the effects of the Second World War.

He offered a special "paternal embrace" to Communist Bulgaria, and the rest of the Balkans where he once served as a Vatican diplomat.

He warned that war is an ever-constant threat.

"We offer a prayer that peace, the daughter of gentleness and good will, may establish a lasting rule among the nations made ever anxious by the clouds which repeatedly darken the horizon," he said.

"We pray for the heads of state, joined with us in recognizing that their high calling establishes them not as judges but as guides of nations. To these they are in duty bound to guarantee respect for the fundamental rights of the human person.

"We pray for those who are suffering from the effects of the past war, even still — 14 years after it has ended."

He prayed "in a special manner" for those "who deprived of families, their homeland, of liberty itself, are a living painful witness of the evils which afflict the human race because of the lack of true peace and its proper fruits."

CANADIAN POET

Archibald Lampman, the Canadian nature poet, was only 37 years old at his death from heart disease in Ottawa in 1899.

Mrs. Roosevelt There

Pilgrims, Tourists Pray in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, Jordan sector (AP) — Christians of many creeds — united by faith in the risen Christ — celebrated the feast of Easter Sunday within the walls of the old city of Jerusalem.

Scores of pilgrims and tourists remained for Catholic masses offered in the three chapels of the ancient basilica shortly after midnight.

The Rev. Alfreds Polidori, the Vatican's custodian of Holy Land shrines, opened the nocturnal rites at 11.30 p.m. Saturday with prayers in front of the crypt where many Christians believe Christ was buried.

This cavelike sepulchre is the focal point of the basilica. A short distance away on a higher level of the church is the spot where Christ is believed to have been crucified.

Some creeds believe Christ was buried in the so-called Garden Tomb next to the present day Damascus Gate. Lutherans and some other Protestants prepared to conduct an early morning service there.

A high point of the Roman Catholic Easter services in Jerusalem is a morning pontifical high mass offered by the Patriarch of Jerusalem, Alberto Gori, in rites at the altar in front of the Holy Sepulchre. It was to be followed by a solemn procession three times around the church.

Among those scheduled to attend the morning mass were Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and her granddaughter, Nina. They were to cross the frontier from Israel for the service.

Tug to Rescue

Ferry Does Its Job On End of Towline

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Black Ball ferry Bainbridge was being towed about her business by a tug Saturday.

The ferry broke down two miles out of Langdale on its regular Langdale-Bowen-Island-Horseshoe Bay run early Saturday. It was to complete three of its six regular afternoon runs between the island and Horseshoe Bay towed by a tug from the Straits Towing Company.

B. O. Tellefsen of Black Ball said the ferry stripped a tooth on a cog in the vessel's engine. He said he believed it is only the second time in the history of ferries on the B.C. coast that a vessel has been able to continue service by being towed along its route.

Realty Firms Face Trial

Hicks Realty Ltd., 1710 Douglas, and Ker & Stephenson Ltd., 909 Government, were charged yesterday in Sidney police court with operating in Sidney without trades licences.

Both firms, represented by G. A. Neely, pleaded not guilty to the charges and were remanded to April 11 for trial. Sidney village officials allege that the firms accepted rental listings in Sidney.

St. Joseph's Pharmacist Retires

Three decades of service to St. Joseph's Hospital patients ended this weekend with the retirement of head pharmacist Ivan Moore.

Mr. Moore, who lives at 1025 Southgate, was born in Ontario. He came to Victoria when he was 16 but returned to his home province to attend the Ontario Pharmaceutical College.

When he started working in the St. Joseph's Hospital pharmacy 31 years ago, there were just himself and a sister. Now the pharmacy employs three pharmacists and an aide.

At a ceremony marking his retirement the Hospital Employees' Association presented Mr. Moore with two books and an engraved pen.

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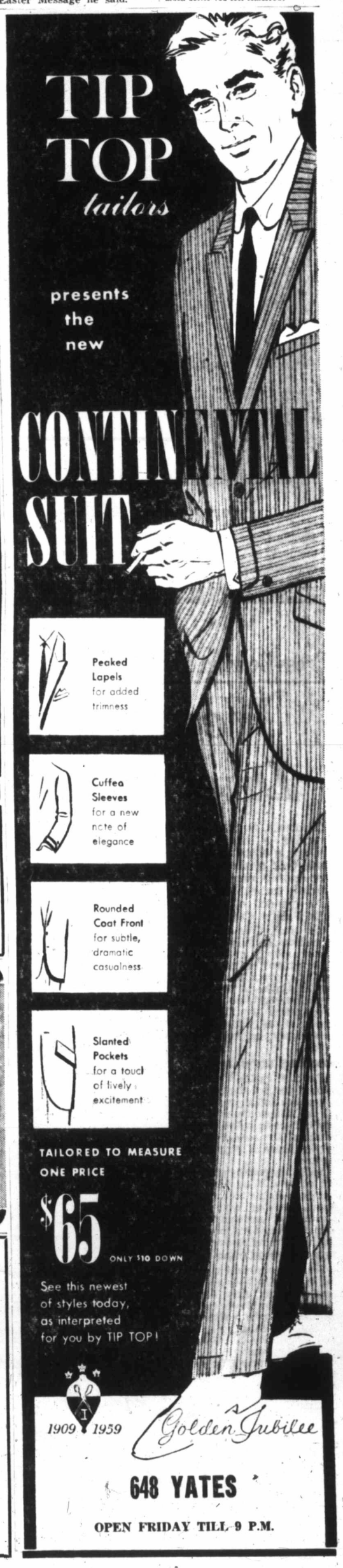

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Weather Forecast

March 29, 1959

Mostly cloudy with clear periods in the morning, rain beginning in the evening. Little change in temperature. Light westerly winds in the morning increasing by evening to southwesterly 20. Saturday's precipitation, .06 inches; sunshine, five hours. Monday outlook, variable cloudiness.

Recorded Temperatures
High 52 Low 42

Forecast Temperatures
High 52 Low 40
Sunset 6.00 Sunrise 6.39

East Coast of Vancouver Island—Mostly cloudy with clear periods in the morning. Rain beginning in the afternoon. Little change in temperature. Winds light increasing in the afternoon to southeasterly 25 and to southeasterly 35 in the evening. High and low at Nanaimo, 54 and 32. Monday outlook, showers.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Cloudy with rain beginning in the northern sector in the afternoon, spreading to the southern sector by evening. Little change in temperature. Winds light, increasing to southeasterly 35 in the northern sector. High and low at Estevan Point, 50 and 40. Monday outlook, showers.

TEMPERATURES

	Min.	Max.	Pre.
Montreal	11	33	..
Ottawa	12	31	..
Toronto	13	30	..
North Bay	1	25	..
Port Arthur	13	47	..
Kenora	28	41	..
Winnipeg	33	41	..
Brandon	31	56	..
The Pas	32	48	..
Regina	24	59	..
Saskatoon	30	56	.02
Prince Albert	25	45	..
North Battleford	29	51	..
Swift Current	28	55	..
Lethbridge	32	52	..
Calgary	26	49	..
Kimberley	31	50	.05
Crescent Valley	32	48	.18
Kamloops	37	55	..
Penticton	39	54	..
Vancouver	42	52	.28
Prince Rupert	38	46	.32
Prince George	32	44	.01
Whitehorse	7	38	..
Seattle	42	50	.44
Portland	44	54	.22
San Francisco	52	63	Trace
Los Angeles	52	72	..
Spokane	38	51	.02
Chicago	29	39	..
New York	27	38	.10

TIDES AT VICTORIA
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time	Ht. Ft.	Time	Ht. Ft.	Time	Ht. Ft.	Time	Ht. Ft.
	H.M.		H.M.		H.M.		H.M.	
29	05.26	8.6	12.46	2.0	21.48	7.3		
30	00.26	6.9	06.00	8.4	13.45	2.1	23.00	7.5
31	01.30	7.4	06.44	8.1	14.48	2.2		
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1	00.11	7.7	06.13	7.8	07.52	7.7	15.54	2.7
2	01.11	7.[illegible]	06.62	7.1	08.33	7.3	16.38	3.1
3	01.54	7.7	06.07	6.5	10.55	7.2	17.34	3.3
4	02.05	7.5	06.53	6.0	12.01	7.1	18.42	3.7
5	01.32	7.6	07.32	5.2	13.00	7.0	19.26	4.1
6	02.48	7.7	08.08	4.5	13.53	7.0	20.05	4.5
7	02.10	7.8	08.45	3.9	14.47	6.9	20.40	5.0
8	02.34	7.8	09.20	3.5	15.37	6.9	21.14	5.5
9	02.57	7.9	09.55	3.4	16.35	6.8	21.45	5.9

TIDES AT FULFORD HARBOUR
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time	Ht. Ft.	Time	Ht. Ft.	Time	Ht. Ft.	Time	Ht. Ft.
	H.M.		H.M.		H.M.		H.M.	
29	01.57	8.1	07.16	10.7	14.28	2.6	22.17	16.5
30	03.06	8.7	07.57	10.2	15.25	2.8	23.45	10.6
31	04.39	8.8	08.30	9.8	16.28	3.2		
Apr.								
1	00.47	10.[illegible]	08.19	8.6	09.58	9.2	17.34	3.5
2	01.45	10.7	07.35	8.1	11.37	8.9	18.40	3.9
3	02.31	10.7	08.30	7.4	13.06	8.7	19.40	4.3
4	03.07	10.6	09.10	6.7	14.27	8.9	20.34	4.7
5	03.39	10.5	09.45	6.0	15.32	9.1	21.21	5.2
6	04.05	10.3	10.17	5.3	16.30	9.4	22.04	5.7
7	04.25	10.2	10.46	4.7	17.20	9.6	22.44	6.3
8	04.45	10.1	11.15	4.2	18.08	9.8	23.23	6.8
9	05.05	10.0	11.45	3.8	18.52	10.0		

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